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MANAGERS THROWN OVER Flat Refusal on the Part of the Railroads to Concede the Eight-Hour Day.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President Wilson today invited the presidents of the principal railroads of the country to come to Washington immediately to confer with him on the threatened railroad strike. Pending their arrival he does not plan to see the committee of managers with whom he has been meeting.

The president sent the following telegram to the leading railroad presidents:

"Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment and with the president of other railroads affected who may be immediately accessible. I hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington at once."

The president's action is interpreted to mean that the managers' committee has finally refused to concede the eight-hour day as the president's plan proposed, and the question is now to be taken up with the heads of the railroads themselves.

The situation as it stood today was this: The railroads flatly refused to concede the eight-hour day but are willing to arbitrate that question and all others before any tribunal that may be decided upon.

The men are willing to arbitrate some questions under certain conditions and are unwilling to arbitrate others.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the president will present his plan to the full committee of 640 employees in the hope of getting them to approve it. The result will be presented to the railroad presidents later.

Early this morning Secretary Tumulty telephoned to Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, regarding the invitation to the railroad presidents to come to the White House, and Mr. Willard said he would do everything possible to arrange a conference.

May Invite Financiers. Among the managers it was pointed out that the president had been constantly advised of the negotiations with President Wilson and that the feeling prevailed that the attitude of the railroad heads was now the same as the managers' committee, although no one could forecast what effect a personal conference with the president would have. The railroad presidents are expected to make a strong plea for preservation of the principle of arbitration and will express their fear that if the present difficulty cannot be settled without it there is little hope that it will ever be successful in the future.

In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents can not speak absolutely for their roads he may invite to the White House the financiers who control them. It was said today that the president wants to deal with the ultimate authorities on both sides in order that negotiations may be conducted here.

The 640 brotherhood men held a secret meeting this afternoon and just before 3 o'clock marched in a body to the White House. The day was hot and many of the men, stripping off their coats, took the shady side of Pennsylvania avenue. They made quite a column as they marched along to the treasury, where they assembled in military order and then proceeded to the White House.

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ECONOMY CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—An economy campaign of nation-wide extent will be started by American farmers at the fourth national conference on marketing and farm credits called today to meet in Chicago, December 4-9 at the Hotel Sherman. The campaign will begin with practical plans for checking enormous wastages in marketing farm products. This annual wastage is of billion dollar magnitude, according to a statement of general committee. "The root of it lies in defective local organization of farmers," says Secretary Charles W. Holman, of Madison, Wis. "and the delegations will work out machinery for getting the local communities more tightly organized."

Conference Surveys. Prior to the conference surveys will be made, under the direction of the committee, that will show the movement of crops such as livestock, grain, hay, cotton and perishable products. The whole milk situation in its relation to city distribution problems will come in for a considerable share of attention.

To Bring Out More Vigorously the evils in the "present wasteful system of handling farm products", the conference will conduct special hearings open to the public. Local and general conditions will be taken up by competent witnesses and remedies will be outlined.

To Analyze Law. The rural credits section will analyze the scope and limitations of the federal farm loan act so that the American farmer may know what to expect under its terms. This section (Continued on page 3.)

KNOWS ONE BANDIT.

DETROIT, Aug. 17.—The Detroit News Thursday printed a statement by Miss Jessie Nollie, a stenographer, declaring that the robbers who looted the pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company of \$32,000 or more on August 4, hid the money in local rooming houses and escaped with their loot last Saturday. She said she knew one of the alleged bandits.

PETIT SHOT

And Killed by His Wife Because He Seeks the Company of Others.

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 17.—Roy Pettit, 35 years old, was shot and killed by his wife in a downtown street today. Dozens of persons saw the tragedy.

Pettit, who was a hotel clerk, was stopped on the street by his wife, who fired five bullets into his head. After she was arrested Mrs. Pettit said she killed her husband because he sought the company of others too much.

MURDERER TAKEN

At the Home of a Relative a Month After the Deed Was Done.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Aug. 17.—Hector Carriere, who shot and killed the sheriff of St. Landry parish on the night of July 16 and was the object of a sensational hunt through swamps and cane brakes for seven days and nights, was captured early Thursday at the home of a relative forty miles northeast of here.

A posse surrounded the house where the man was hiding. As he stepped out of the door with his gun in his hands the posse opened fire and he was struck in the shoulder and head before he could reply.

ANOTHER FLOOD

Is Reported at Horse Creek Where Great Damage Was Done Last Week.

CHARLESTON, August 17.—Horse creek, along which great damage was done by last week's flood, is suffering from another flood today following a downpour last night. No lives were lost but much additional damage was done.

Relief committees today sent an earnest plea to Charleston for cooking utensils. Plenty of food had reached the homeless, they said, but they had nothing in which to prepare it.

PAYS WAY OUT OF JAIL

C. W. West, who was fined \$10 and costs Wednesday in Magistrate G. G. Nicolson's court for stealing six shirts at the Baltimore and Ohio freight depot, and who was jailed in default, paid the required sum Thursday morning and was released.

INFANT DEAD.

An infant son of Vove Bango, a foreigner of Grassell, died late Wednesday of cholera infantum. Funeral services were conducted from the home at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and interment was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

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BOMBS SET OFF

In Attempts to Blow Up Wharf on the Pacific Ocean at Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 17.—Two attempts were made Wednesday night to blow up the wharf of the Pacific Steamship Company. Prompt action by firemen and police prevented serious loss. The police are working on the theory that the men who set the bombs believed the structure on the wharf was used as sleeping quarters by non-union dock workers employed at the pier.

NEGRO CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The National Negro Christian Congress, which has been in session in this city, has adjourned. The Rev. W. H. V. B. Taylor, of West Virginia, was elected vice-president. Resolutions endorsing Charles Evans Hughes's candidacy for president were unanimously adopted in the concluding hours of the congress.

IN HOSPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Miss Florence Levy, of Charleston, well known to and popular with constituents of Congressmen Littlepage, has been in a hospital for several days. She underwent an operation for throat trouble, a painful but not a serious ordeal. She is now able to be at her desk again.

TRACTION OFFICIALS HERE.

Smith Hood and Blaine Moore, of Fairmont, traction officials, inspected traction work here Thursday. They were accompanied by James A. Bennett, of Greensburg, Pa., father-in-law of Mr. Moore.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to James M. Gribble and Cora M. Heath.

HUGHES HITS AT POLICY IN PHILIPPINES

Republican Candidate Assails Democratic Desertion Plan.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17.—Charles E. Hughes, before a large audience here last night, assailed the Democratic party for its policy toward the Philippines.

"We cannot afford in this country to lose sight of national obligations," Mrs. Hughes said. "Our friends on the other side were almost ready to say that we should abandon the Philippines. That was a matter of national honor. We assumed obligations there which we are bound to discharge."

"It is not so much a matter of self-interest. But when this nation undertakes before the world a responsibility, it must discharge it."

"And we ought not to consider the suggestion of scuttling out of the Philippines to leave them in the predicament which you know perfectly well without my describing it."

Mr. Hughes, in an address to the Portland Advertising Club, in which he advocated commercial protection through the agency of a protective tariff, today branded as a traitor to his country the man who sought to build up his private fortune at public expense.

"The man who tries to get the better of the public for his private purse," the nominee said, "is a traitor to the government. We will go ahead and put these traitors out of business while we build up the business of the United States."

The commercial problems which the country will face after the war, Mr. Hughes said, "will be greater than ever before."

PRIZE

Is Offered by the Simpson District Equal Suffrage League for Best Essay.

The Simpson District Equal Suffrage League has offered the prize of a year's subscription to the Woman's Journal to the farmer's wife in the district writing the best essay on "Why the Equal Suffrage Amendment should be Ratified." The same prize will be awarded for the best essay written by a farmer's daughter using the same subject.

Much interest is already being manifested in this contest and it is hoped that many will compete. The Woman's Journal is a large weekly paper devoted to the interest of women and is one of the best and most progressive papers of its kind published. No woman can afford to be without it.

Literature on the subject may be procured free by writing the president of the Simpson District Suffrage League, Bridgeport, W. Va. The same package will be sent each contestant and they may get all outside information available.

All essays must be mailed to the league on or before September 30. They will be numbered so that the judges will not know whose manuscripts they are reading.

MINERS PAY FINES.

Fines of \$1 and costs each for being disorderly at Reynoldsville when county officers broke up a free-for-all fight there a night or two ago, were paid Thursday morning in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court by John Comisky and Tony Appono, miners of that place, and they were released from jail.

SINKING REPORTED.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The sinking of the German steamer Weser, of Hamburg, by a submarine a fortnight ago is reported in a despatch Thursday from Copenhagen. The crew was saved.

ARE DROPPED.

FORT SAN HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 17.—The 300 Chicago post-office employees, who are soldiers of the First Illinois brigade, received notice Thursday that they had been dropped from the payrolls of the post-office department. They are subject to reinstatement after honorable discharge from military service.

SEWER ALL RIGHT NOW.

The Clarksburg Water Works and Sewerage Board announces that the federal sewer along North Third street has been connected with the city sewerage system and that the bad conditions recently existing in that street have been eliminated.

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Mrs. W. A. Amon, wife of the photographer, was able to be taken to her home Wednesday night from St. Mary's hospital, where she had been a patient two weeks. She is rapidly recovering.

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HOMES ATTACHED.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 17.—Attachments were placed on about a dozen homes of striking moulders by manufacturing moulders of the Bridgeport Manufacturers Association Thursday in an action alleging \$50,000 damages by reason of a strike of employees and the picketing of plants. The suit is based upon the decision in the Danbury haters case.

SOLDIERS DIE

Reports Show That Eight of Them Die on Border in One Week.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Eight deaths from sickness among the regular and national guard troops on the border during the week ending August 12 are disclosed in reports made public Thursday at the war department. Medical officers regard this death rate as exceptionally low, since it covers a total force of approximately 140,000 men in field camps.

Orders were issued Thursday for the examination of the post at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, as to its suitability for the establishment of a general hospital.

MOTOR TRIP

Is Being Taken by Relatives of Mr. Cooper.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Dr. and Mrs. Thomas and children will arrive here Friday in their car from a motor trip through the New England states. They will be joined here by Congressman Edward Cooper who will accompany them to Bramwell. Mrs. Thomas is a sister of Mr. Cooper. The Thomases have resided in Columbus, O., but will take up their residence in Huntington before the winter, to better enable Mr. Thomas to give attention to his coal mining interests in the Pocahontas coal field.

PLAQUE AT RESORT.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 17.—A case of infantile paralysis has developed at the Masonic country club, a summer resort in the mountains near here and the cottage in which the patient resided was quarantined. Many persons immediately left the resort.

E. L. MATHERS DEAD.

MORGANTOWN, August 17.—Eugene L. Mathers, aged 62 years, a well known and prominent citizen of this city and a member of a distinguished Monongalia county family, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Rust, 418 Front street. Mr. Mathers' death resulted from a paralytic stroke which he suffered July 4 last.

KAPTO FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the body of Michael Kapt, a foreigner of Grassell, who died in a local hospital Wednesday, were conducted from the Lynch-Orborn Undertaking Company's mortuary chapel at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

ENLISTMENT

Of Men in the British Navy Is Begun in Canada at Last.

OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—Canada is enlisting men for service in the British navy, a departure from policy as it was decided at the beginning of the war to confine recruiting in Canada to land forces. The plan is to enlist men in the Canadian naval service with the understanding that they serve on ships of the Imperial navy for the period of the war.

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FUNERAL SERVICES French in the Somme Region Make Further Gains Over German Troops.

HEAVY BALKAN FIGHTING Allied Forces Deliver Strong Attacks on the Balkan Front But Are Repulsed.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maupenas in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. There were no infantry attacks during the night.

Operations on three different parts of the Somme front yesterday resulted in the removal of some of the barriers of the powerful German defense system. A resumption of the methodical drive of the French after the disappearance of these obstacles is expected to bring further gains in the region of Guilleumont and Maupenas.

In the actions yesterday the French attained an ascendancy over their adversary during the fighting around the Guilleumont and Maupenas road. The Germans still have a hold in the northwest part of Maupenas but the French by reason of their success in that vicinity have dominating positions and besides are menacing the German communications.

South of the Somme the German trench system around Belloy was a real fortified work, which has resisted many previous bombardments. Its capture permits further progress in that region.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON BALKAN FRONT NOW.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Heavy fighting on the Balkan front is reported in an official Bulgarian statement received today from Sofia. The Allied forces delivered strong infantry attacks but, the statement says, were repulsed. The fighting occurred in the region of Lake Dolan, northeast of Saloniki, near the Serbian border. Several encounters have taken place in this vicinity of late, but the official Bulgarian statement indicates that larger forces are now being employed against the Bulgarians.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IS MADE BY THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guilleumont.

ITALIANS ARE FORCING AUSTRIAN TRAINS OFF.

ROME, Aug. 17.—The Italian army is being held back on the lower Isonzo until the line on the upper river can be strengthened by the capture of the mountains of San Gabriele, San Mario and other positions between Tolmino and Gorizia. While the capture of these mountains is regarded as imminent there probably will be no advance on Trieste until they have been taken. The Austrians are being forced off the Carso plateau before spirited attacks of the Italian troops, roused to enthusiasm by recent victories. Fierce fighting for the heavy guns, which have been battering the way to Trieste, is in progress. These guns frequently are employed (Continued on page 3.)

TO TRY TEN.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 17.—Trial of ten persons held in connection with the murder of Deputy Sheriff James Myron will be started at Virginia, Minn., and a grand jury investigation will commence there next Tuesday. The men charged with the murder are alleged to be Industrial Workers of the World leaders.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. W. I. Schulte, of West Poplar street, is a patient at St. Mary's hospital, where she underwent a surgical operation Wednesday afternoon. The operation was successful and she is getting along nicely.

Sutherland Very Sure Of Republican Victory

Following a Short Tour Made by Him through a Number of Counties.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Congressman Howard Sutherland is back in his seat in the House of Representatives after a short tour through a number of counties in the state looking after his candidacy for the United States Senate, and getting a first-hand view of the political situation in the state as it affects the prospects of the entire Republican ticket. He took advantage of the lull in legislative work in the House to see what's doing in various sections of West Virginia.

Mr. Sutherland doesn't care to be quoted about his own candidacy, very likely for the reason that it might look like bragging and hence might be of doubtful propriety. It is, however, merely a statement of a well known fact to say that the congressman

man-at-large from West Virginia thinks his election to the upper branch of Congress about as strong a foregone conclusion as anything which is to happen can be. In that respect, his opinion coincides precisely with the opinion held by all Republicans and a majority of Democrats.

The biggest Democratic leaders when discussing the Sutherland-Chilton contest privately, frankly admit that there isn't the faintest likelihood of defeating Sutherland. They go even further than that and forecast that his majority will be the largest in the state, based on their knowledge, which they frankly admit, that there is a faction in their own party which, as they put it, "have it in for Senator Chilton and are biding their time until the election to get him." The word has gone down the line in that faction, according to certain Democrats who are well known leaders in their respective counties (Continued on page 3.)